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Chair Philip Isenberg  
CA

Dear Chair Isenberg,

We have long known that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay/Delta area has been under great stress and on the verge of collapse. This has been caused by taking too much water from the area, particularly for agriculture. Unfortunately, agricultural interest have wasted much of this water and have not invested in efficient usage systems. And that is because the water has been too cheap, so it isn't cost efficient to invest in efficient use.

We must draft an effective Delta Plan to prevent the collapse of this critical region to California. We must insist on new thinking in water management.

The Council must incorporate the following general concepts to develop a draft Delta Plan and a draft EIR that guarantees fresh water to restore the Delta ecosystem, enforces existing water-pollution control regulations, reduces reliance on the fragile Delta region, does not allow water to be exported that might threaten the Delta's viability, and protects water rights.

This is an important issue to millions, and I will look closely at news developments as the Council works on its important and difficult Delta Plan.

Thank you for receiving my comments.

Sincerely,

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